

What is claimed is:

1. A method of recording image data as a visible image on an image recording medium, comprising the step of:

5 recording information including at least attributes of the image recording medium on said image recording medium in addition to an image recorded on the image recording medium.

10 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said image recording medium is removed from a package of a plurality of image recording mediums, and the image data is recorded as the visible image on the removed image recording medium, and wherein said information including the attributes of  
15 the image recording medium comprises information indicated on at least said package.

20 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said information is recorded in an area of said image recording medium other than an area thereof in which said image is recorded.

25 4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said information also includes apparatus information of an apparatus for recording the image on said image recording medium.

5. A method according to claim 1, wherein said information is recorded as visible information on said image recording medium.

5           6. A method according to claim 5, further comprising the steps of:

          converting said information into a predetermined display pattern; and

          recording said predetermined display pattern on said  
10 image recording medium.

7. An apparatus for recording image data as a visible image on an image recording medium, comprising:

          first means for recording an image on the image  
15 recording medium; and

          second means for recording information including at least attributes of the image recording medium on said image recording medium.

20           8. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said second means comprises means for recording said information in an area of said image recording medium other than an area thereof in which said image is recorded by said first means.

25           9. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said second means comprises means for recording said information

as visible information.

10. An apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

5           third means for converting said information including the attributes of the image recording medium into a predetermined display pattern, and outputting said predetermined display pattern to said second means.

10           11. An apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

          fourth means for removing said image recording medium from a package of a plurality of image recording mediums;

15           said first means comprising means for recording the image data as the visible image on the removed image recording medium; and

          said second means comprising means for recording information indicated on at least said package as said information including the attributes of the image recording medium.

20           12. An image recording medium for recording image data as a visible image thereon, wherein information including at least attributes of the image recording medium is recorded in an area of said image recording medium other than an area thereof in which said visible image is recorded.